

1 Corinthians 10:1-13
"It's Time to be Holy"

"Alas! It is our wisdom to be careful lest we are deceived in so great a business as our salvation." (Richard Baxter, Puritan writer)

Introduction:

1 Corinthians 10:1-5, "For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness."

1. The Jews experience of deliverance from Egypt serves as an illustration:

2. The Jews passing through the Red Sea and being fed with manna from heaven serves as an illustration:

3. The Jews being protected by the Rock points:

4. Outward experiences are never enough:

1 Corinthians 10:6-10, "Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play."⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ^[c] to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, ¹⁰ nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer."

Paul names four areas where the people of Israel are examples of what NOT to do!

1. We must make every effort to avoid:

(Exodus 32)

2. We must make every effort to avoid:

(Numbers 25)

3. We must make every effort to not:

(Numbers 21:4-9)

4. We must make every effort to not:

(Numbers 14:36-38)

1 Corinthians 10:11-13, "Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

1. The gospel of grace is never:

2. We are just as accountable to God for our behavior:

3. This should make us very careful about thinking:

4. God does not want us to be presumptuous about our faith:

5. None of us has been or will ever be tempted by anything:

6. Because God is faithful:

7. Because God is faithful:

8. Because God is faithful:

Conclusion: